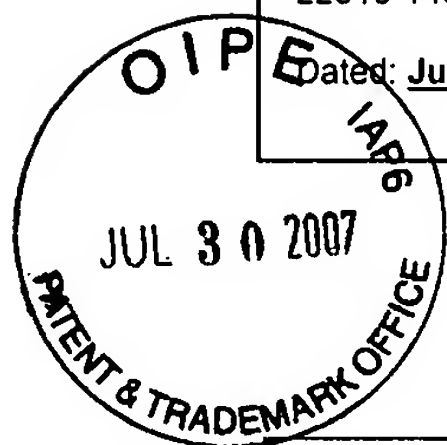


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Dear Sir:

This statement is filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) as the “complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action,” and also in response to the Office Communication, mailed on July 9, 2007, in connection with the above application.

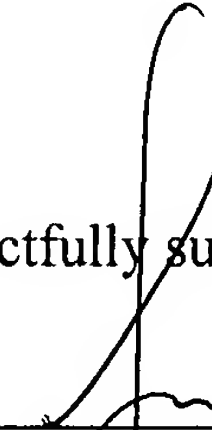
Upon filing of a response to the December 12, 2006 Office Action on May 22, 2007, Examiner Meah called Applicants’ attorney Yu Lu on June 11, 2007. During the call, Examiner Meah indicated that he agreed in general that the rejection to Claims 38-40, first made in the December 12, 2006 Office Action, was a new ground of rejection. As a result, the finality of the December 12, 2006 is withdrawn, and the December 12, 2006 Office Action will be considered as a non-Final Office Action. Also as a result, Applicants will not file a Notice of Appeal by the statutory deadline of June 12, 2007.

Applicants’ attorney wish to thank Examiner Meah for the call and the withdrawal of the finality of the December 12, 2006 Office Action.

The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any other deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. **18-1945**, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw under Order No. **COTH-P02-001**.

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